

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1856 – HB 2832

February 24, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds a new exemption to the requirements of the Tennessee Meat and Poultry Inspection Act. Exempts from state inspection the slaughtering of exotic animals or the preparation and transportation in intrastate commerce of exotic animals if:

- The exotic animals are exclusively for donation to a charitable or nonprofit organization that operates a food bank or on-site feeding program, or both, for free distribution of food to combat poverty;
- The slaughter or preparation is conducted either where the hunter killed the animal, the hunter's premises, or at a custom slaughterhouse; and
- Transportation is limited and only done so under certain circumstances.

Prohibits prepared food, as aforementioned, from being combined with meat food product or a poultry product regulated under the Federal Meat Inspection Act or Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act, respectively.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the Department of Agriculture (TDA), quarterly inspections of food safety requirements are currently performed by the Department, but ante and post mortem animal inspections for slaughter are not performed.
- The number of times in which the particular instances, outlined in this legislation, will occur is estimated to be minimal; therefore, any impact to TDA is estimated to be minimal.
- This legislation will have no significant impact on state revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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